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- Carnival Games | 12pm - 8:00pm
- Face Painting & Crafts | 12pm - 8:00pm
- BBQ | 12:30 - 3:30pm
- Photo Booth | 1pm - 3pm
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GIFT OF LIFE AND HOPE

Britta Watts, who was born with cystic fibrosis, underwent a double lung transplant in April 2005. Now she paddles for the Gift of Life dragon-boat team working to raise awareness of organ donation. Story, page 5. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

Rat infestation forces daycare to shut playground

Downtown. Compost pile in nearby community garden being blamed for the pest problem

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Children at a downtown daycare aren't allowed on their playground while exterminators deal with a rat infestation sparked by improper composting at a nearby community garden.

The YMCA daycare under the Burrard Bridge near Beach Avenue found out about the pest problem last Thursday night, and the city has been helping to get rid of the rodents since it was alerted on Friday, YMCA spokeswoman Kelly Walker wrote in an email.

"Since the safety of children in our care is the YMCA's top priority and rats aren't known to be the cleanliest of pests, we are keeping children away from the outdoor play area until we have a high degree of confidence that the pests are no longer an issue," Walker wrote.

On Wednesday, even after multiple visits from exterminators and the city's removal of a compost pile, a handful of rats scurried near the empty playground.

The furry problem appears to stem from the compost pile, set up for use in the community, according to Albert Shamess, the city's director of solid waste. It was not delivered by the city or a part of any city initiative.

The infestation has nothing to do with the city's new green-bin program, where residents separate food waste and compostable material from their trash.

"The problems that occurred illustrate why it's important to compost properly," Shamess said in a statement.

"Don't put food scraps in open compost piles or backyard composters as it will attract rodents."

With warm summer weather around the corner, Shamess said the incident is a good reminder for all residents to ensure that compost, food-scrap green bins and other garbage are stored properly and collected regularly to avoid unwanted pests and odours.

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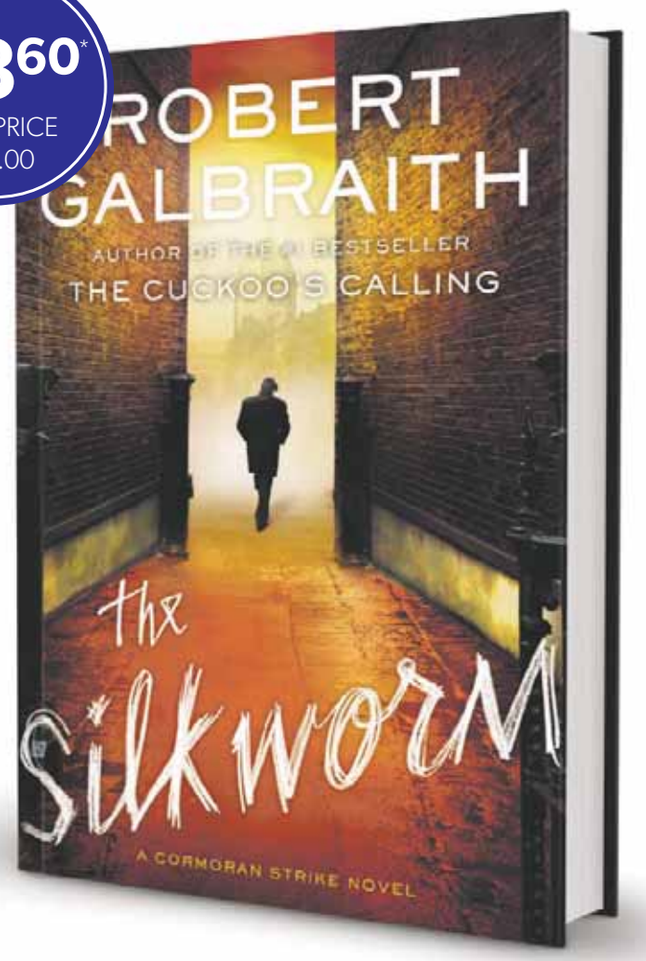

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Survey

Respondents say housing is not adequate

Researchers are expressing concern — though not surprise — after releasing a new survey on Vancouver's housing market.

The Housing Justice Project Metro Vancouver affordability survey, released Wednesday, shows that while 73 per cent of respondents who rent spend more than a third of their income on housing, few can do anything about it.

Only about one-third of all respondents state that they are moderately dissatisfied or dissatisfied with the affordability of their homes, according to the report from the director of UBC's school of community and regional planning.

"It's a reflection of the situation," said Penny Gurstein. "People are sort of accepting they have to pay more here and that they're not going to be able to buy a house."

Gurstein said the findings, when combined with other research on the issue, is bad news for low- and middle-income residents who find themselves trapped in their current housing situation.

Nearly a quarter of respondents said they were moderately dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the quality of construction in their home, and one-in-five were moderately or very dissatisfied with the presence of health hazards like mould.

"People are saying a lot about housing not being adequate for them," said Gurstein. "We have an unstable housing market that's not meeting people's needs." MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Transit police check fares at the Vancouver City Centre Canada Line station in March 2013. Inset: A screenshot of the Metro Vancouver transit police app, OnDuty. ERIC DREGGER/THE CANADIAN PRESS; INSET: SCREENSHOT

Eyes in the SkyTrain can report on the go

New transit app.
Users can discreetly report incidents directly to dispatch

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The chance to discreetly report those drunken teens making everyone uncomfortable on the SkyTrain is now at your fingertips.

Metro Vancouver transit police launched a free smartphone app for iPhone and Android Thursday called OnDuty that lets users directly report incidents to dispatch, maps crime hot spots, provides public alerts and lets passengers plan trips.

Transit police created the app to make it more comfortable for riders to report disturbing incidents, as it draws less attention than having to press the yellow strip, use the intercom or make a phone call, spokeswoman Carolyn Baldridge said.

"Most people are on their phones anyway so most people don't even notice," Baldridge said. "We can't be everywhere all the time, so this app enables riders to be our eyes and ears."

The app follows an initiative in December that allows people to report crime by texting 877777. The texting service was launched after the amount of sexual harassment on transit made headlines due to a blog that documents the gender-based violence women face while commuting.

Since then, the level of crime reporting has increased 24 per cent, Baldridge said.

"That's not to say crime is up … many people wouldn't bother before if they saw something that wasn't very serious," she added. "This is addressing an unmet demand."

Obviously, if the crime is serious, people should still call 911, and the texting service is still available for people without smartphones.

Crime reporting is just one feature of the app, which also updates a map of reported crimes weekly. The map will reveal the nature of the crime (theft, sexual assault) and when it happened to inform people when and where to be more alert and perhaps change how people plan trips, Baldridge said.

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B.C. NDP calls for Virk's resignation

Kwantlen Polytechnic University. Finance Ministry report found education minister failed to meet gov't disclosure requirements

British Columbia's Opposition New Democrats are calling on Premier Christy Clark to boot her minister of advanced education from cabinet after a report concluded he served on a university board of directors that knowingly broke government disclosure rules.

The premier, however, says Advanced Education Minister Amrik Virk is staying put.

"Amrik Virk has taken responsibility for how compensation was disclosed at Kwantlen Polytechnic University three years ago," said a statement issued by Clark Wednesday.

"He's committed to making sure the rules and the intent of rules are followed. I have spoken to him and have absolute confidence in him and his ability to serve as minister of advanced education."

The Finance Ministry report issued a day earlier found Virk and the rest of the board at the Vancouver-area Kwantlen Polytechnic University failed to meet government disclosure requirements by topping up salaries of senior executives to sweeten job offers.

NDP Leader John Horgan said the report should either prompt Virk's resignation or firing, since Virk is now in charge of post-secondary education in the province.

"Mr. Virk has had a day to reflect upon that (report) and still remains in his mind the minister responsible," said Horgan. "More troubling is the premier has had a day to reflect on that and has not sought his resignation."

The report investigated Kwantlen hiring practices dating back at least three years for a university vice-president and president, at a time when Virk, a former Mountie, was a volunteer board member.

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Community rallies in support of shooting victim

A man signs a get well soon card for bike shop owner Paul Dragan, who was critically injured in a brazen daytime shooting in Yaletown last week. Hundreds of people — including Dragan's son and family members — attended a free BBQ in Dragan's honour hosted by the Yaletown Business Improvement Association at the Roundhouse Community Centre on Tuesday. They wore yellow ribbons to wish him well and to show their community will not be shaken by the violence. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Sit-in

Dozen protest Enbridge decision

Twelve protesters held a sit-in at Conservative MP James Moore's office in Port Moody Wednesday to protest the federal government's approval of the Enbridge Northern Gateway project. The action follows a rally in downtown Vancouver by hundreds Tuesday, hours after the government announced its decision. METRO

B.C. court

BlackBerry searches ruled unconstitutional

The B.C. Court of Appeal says police violated the rights of a man later convicted in a kidnapping when they searched two of his BlackBerry smartphones without a warrant. But the court has nonetheless dismissed the man's appeal.

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Mine shooting

Guatemalan men sue Vancouver company

Seven Guatemalan men are suing Vancouver-based Tahoe Resources Inc. over a shooting during a protest outside the company's mine in Central America. The civil lawsuit, which alleges battery and negligence, has been filed in B.C. Supreme Court.

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Local dragon boat team paddling to pay it forward

Gift of Life. Group includes organ transplant recipients and a kidney donor

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When cystic fibrosis patient Britta Watts was stuck in a hospital bed, struggling with every breath to get oxygen into her damaged lungs, she never expected she would be paddling in a dragon boat only a year later.

"I was a very sick girl," Watts said. "It was very difficult. I was on full-time oxygen and just trying to get by."

Cystic fibrosis, a genetic disease, affects the lungs, among other organs, causing a loss of function that eventually leads to death for most people. There is no cure.

For Watts, a competitive swimmer who became a professional lifeguard, the disease did not seriously affect her until she was about 19. By the time she was 25, however, her life consisted of a hospital room and an oxygen tank, she said.

It took 18 months on the transplant wait list before she received the news in April 2005 she would be getting her new lungs. The call came just in time, as her surgeon later told her she likely would have only survived another 10 days.

"I was so overwhelmed," she said. "I remember calling my dad and saying, 'Daddy, I got my lungs.'"

After a 13-hour surgery, during which Watts suffered two heart attacks and bled out her entire blood volume twice, she woke up and took her first breath with her healthy lungs.

"It was such an unfamiliar feeling," she said. "I could feel air in the back of my lungs."

A year later, Watts, who longed to get back into competitive sport, joined the Gift of Life team with a goal of raising awareness of organ donation.

This weekend, Watts will be paddling with the Gift of Life Dragon Boat Team as they compete at the Rio Tinto Alcan Dragon Boat Festival taking place July 20 to 22 in Vancouver's False Creek. The team is comprised of organ transplant recipients, a live kidney donor and two mothers whose children, who died in tragic circumstances, went on to become organ donors.

Carol Daechsel, whose 15-year-old son Robby died in a car accident, said paddling with the Gift of Life team and meeting organ transplant recipients has helped her grieve the loss of her son.

"Every transplant recipient I've met lives their lives with such appreciation of every moment that they have," she said. "It's taught me to do the same. You don't get hung up on the little things."

Now 37, Watts said a day doesn't go by that she isn't grateful for her ability to take part in the high-intensity sport.

Grateful for a second chance at life, Watts said committing herself to paying it forward and trying to get more people to sign up to become organ donors is her way of showing her gratitude to her organ donor.

"How can you ever say thank you? You can't," she said. "I'm not just living for myself now. I'm living for my donor and my donor's family."

People can register to become organ donors at transplant.bc.ca.

Members of the Gift of Life dragon boat team practice in Vancouver's False Creek on May 27. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

Just the facts

- **What:** Rio Tinto Alcan Dragon Boat Festival
- **When:** June 20-22. The festival kicks off with a traditional Taoist blessing ceremony starting at 5 p.m. on Friday. Races start 8 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday and take place every 12 minutes until 6 p.m.
- **Who:** 187 teams registered with more than 5,000 athletes taking part.
- **Where:** Races can be viewed along the waters of False Creek.
- **Why:** Admission is free for the festival, which also features live music, food, tea tasting, art and paper boat-making. For more information, visit dragonboatbc.ca

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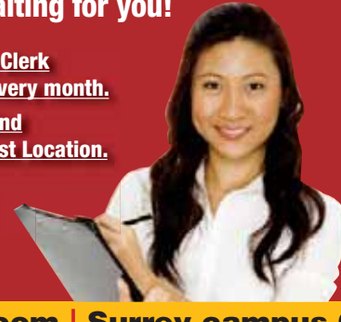

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'Turn now!'

Man cited for spot check warning

A suburban Cleveland man says police violated his First Amendment rights to free speech when they cited him for holding a sign warning motorists to turn if they wanted to avoid a DUI checkpoint. The sign read "Check point ahead! Turn now!" THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Runaway speaks. Teen who flew in plane's wheel well wanted to find mom

A Somali-born teenager who survived a flight to Hawaii as a stowaway in the plane's wheel well said he hopped on the closest flight that was going west in an effort to find his birth mom and can't believe he survived the journey.

Yahya Abdi, 15, spoke over Google Chat to KPIX-5 in his first public comments since his improbable survival during the 51/2-hour flight from San Jose to Maui in April. The interview was reported on Tuesday night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Will Mercier examines the flooding at his home in Claresholm, Alta., on Wednesday. People moved out of about 40 homes in Claresholm after rain continued to fall and sewers backed up. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Less flooding, more optimism in Alberta

Still treading water.
Most affected residents get to stay home after voluntary evacuation issued in one town

Improved rain and river forecasts Wednesday were lifting soggy spirits in southern Alberta where heavy rainfall and swollen rivers had residents worried about evacuations and damage to their homes.

"The rain is lightening, the infrastructure is catching up to the excessive flows," said Rob Steel, mayor of Claresholm, where a voluntary evacuation centre had already been set up.

"If it stays like this, it'll just get better and better as each hour goes by."

Lethbridge Mayor Chris Spearman said concerns were eased when lighter rainfall lowered peak forecasts for the Oldman River, which runs through his city.

"Things are looking much better," he said. "To our relief, the rainfall upstream wasn't as severe as predicted overnight so the provincial river flow forecast has improved significantly."

The same forecast was welcome news in Medicine Hat, where Alberta Environment was predicting peak flows on the South Saskatchewan River at 2,400 cubic metres per second — less than half the original figure.

But things could change.

"We're still very concerned because there's a heavy rainfall warning in effect and (by) what we see on the weather radar," Steel said, "this is still a very dynamic situation."

Even with the threat subsiding, the mess left behind is significant.

Claresholm, a town of 3,800 about 130 kilometres south of Calgary, has about 40 damaged homes — some surrounded by water and some swamped, Steel said.

About 250 homes in Lethbridge were affected. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Weathering the storm

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U.S. border stations show their squalor

Children's faces pressed against glass. Hundreds of young boys and girls covered with aluminum-foil-like blankets next to chain-link fences. The pungent odour that comes with keeping dirty travellers in close quarters.

These were the sights from Wednesday tours of crowded Border Patrol stations in Texas and Arizona, where thousands of immigrants are being held before they are transferred to other shelters around the country.

It was the first time the media was given access to the facilities since President Barack Obama called the more than 47,000 unaccompanied children who have entered the country illegally this budget year an "urgent humanitarian situation."

Border Patrol stations like the ones in Brownsville, Texas, and Nogales, Arizona, were not meant for long-term custody. Immigrants are supposed to wait there until they are processed and taken to detention centres. But the surge in children arriving without their parents has overwhelmed the U.S. government.

The surge, which has been building for three years, comes amid a steep overall increase in immigrant arrests in southernmost Texas.

The children are mostly from Central America. They pose a particular challenge because the law requires Customs and Border Protection to transfer them to Health and Human Services within 72 hours.

That agency's network of some 100 shelters around the U.S.A. has been over capacity for months and is now caring for more than 7,600 children.

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Ellen Kooijman's female scientist Lego figurines. Scan the image with your Metro News App to see a gallery of previous girl-oriented Lego products.

Lego of my aspirations!

Lego pitched female science figures. Designs aim to change outdated gender stereotypes

Lego is traditionally the building blocks for many a boy's happy childhood. But Ellen Kooijman, a Dutch geosciences researcher based in Sweden, is hoping to change outdated stereotypes with mini-figurine designs that include a female astronomer, a paleontologist and a chemist.

Kooijman put forward her box set called Research Institute to the Lego Ideas website where fans can pitch prospective toy sets.

But before a proposal's life in plastic becomes a reality, it must first reach Lego's required 10,000-vote threshold and pass muster before a review board before finally going into production.

The scientist spoke to Metro about her love of Lego and breaking down gender stereotypes.

When and why did you first get into Lego?

It was my favourite toy as a child, so I've built with Lego bricks almost my whole life, except for a period during my teenage years which adult fans of Lego call the "dark ages."

Are you not a bit old for Lego?

I see it as a great medium to express my creativity in three dimensions. You can basically build anything on any scale and the best thing is you can take it apart again and build something new.

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Controversy. Patent office pulls Redskins trademark for 'disparaging' natives

A Washington Redskins helmet lies on the field Wednesday in Ashburn, Va. NICK WASS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The U.S. Patent Office ruled Wednesday that the Washington Redskins nickname is "disparaging of Native Americans" and that the team's federal trademarks for the name must be cancelled.

The 2-1 ruling comes after a campaign to change the name gained momentum over the past year. The team doesn't immediately lose trademark protection and is allowed to retain it during a likely appeal.

Redskins owner Dan Snyder has refused to change the team's name, citing tradition, but there has been growing pressure, including statements in recent months from U.S. President Barack Obama, lawmakers and civil rights groups.

The decision means that the team can continue to use the Redskins name, but it would lose a significant portion of its ability to protect the financial interests connected to its use. If others printed the name on sweatshirts, apparel or other team material, it becomes more difficult to go after groups who use it without permission.

The case involves six registered trademarks that involve the use of the word Redskins, but it does not apply to the team's logo.

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'Miracle' none hurt in Ontario tornado

'Moving forward.' Mayor of Essa Township says around 100 homes in Angus, Ont., were damaged after twister touched down Tuesday

Backyards in Angus, Ont., are shown on Tuesday. Scan the photo with your Metro News app for a gallery of the damage. GREG FACCHINI/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The mayor of a central Ontario community says it's a miracle no one was hurt when a tornado ripped through the area Tuesday.

Essa Township Mayor Terry Dowdall said about 100 homes were damaged in Angus, which is located in the township.

Dowdall, who joined emergency officials Wednesday morning to give an update on the situation, said he has never seen such destruction in the community.

"Weather seems to be changing, I think, in the province of Ontario," he said. "But I've never seen, and basically no one's seen, devastation quite like this."

"I think it was the right time of day," said Essa Fire Chief Cynthia Tustin, calling it an "amazing piece of timing."

"People weren't asleep … people were up and people were able to be aware of what's going on," she said. "It was really a miracle that nobody was hurt at that time of day," added Dowdall.

"We're moving forward, we have a new day and a new plan," added Dowdall, who said building officials would immediately begin assessing properties. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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and property on Wednesday, a day after a tornado touched down in Angus, Ont. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ottawa

Police, paramedics injured in training exercise explosion

Two paramedics were seriously injured while two Ottawa police officers sustained minor injuries Wednesday during a training exercise that involved the use of explosives to practise forced-entry techniques, police say.

The officers and paramedics were part of an exercise using explosives to force their way into an abandoned residence when the accident occurred, Ottawa police Chief Charles Bordeleau told a news conference.

A third paramedic also sustained minor injuries, Bordeleau said. All five victims were immediately transported to hospital.

"There were three paramedics also that were injured, two of them more serious than the third one," he said.

"Their injuries are serious in nature, but I am told they will recover."

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Legal challenge

First Nations unite to battle feds on Northern Gateway

The president of the Haida Nation says B.C. First Nations are uniting to launch a sweeping legal challenge against the federal government over its approval of the Northern Gateway pipeline.

Peter Lantin says the dispute has gone beyond the project proposed by Calgary-based Enbridge.

He says it's become the focus of the battle for aboriginal rights in a province where the Crown has dragged its feet for generations on settling claims.

Lantin says the federal approval has unified aboriginal groups on all sides behind the lawsuit, which is expected to be announced in the coming weeks.

Enbridge officials have said legal challenges were anticipated and they continue work to engage aboriginal communities along the pipeline route.

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Will Amazon blaze new path with Fire phone?

The everything store.
CEO Jeff Bezos unveils the phone in Seattle

Amazon has introduced a new smartphone with audio and object recognition technology that seeks to make it easier for consumers to locate and purchase products and services from America's largest e-commerce company.

Specs and features:

• The phone is smaller than leading Android phones, but larger than Apple's iPhone. CEO Jeff Bezos calls the screen, measuring 4.7 inches diagonally, ideal for one-handed use.

Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos introduces the new Fire phone on Wednesday in Seattle. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

• Firefly is the centrepiece of the new phone. Snap a photo of a book, and it'll help you buy it, either as an ebook or a physical copy. Listen to a song playing in the background, and it'll direct you to that tune on Amazon. It can even direct you to facts and data, by showing a Wikipedia entry with information about a painting you snapped. The feature will also let you snap bar codes, phone numbers and more.

Availability:

• The phone will be available July 25 in the U.S. exclusively through AT&T. People can start ordering it Wednesday.

• Prices are comparable to those of other leading high-end phones, but the Fire will have double the storage. It will cost $200 for a base model with 32 gigabytes and $300 for 64 gigabytes. Both require two-year service contracts. Without contracts, they will cost $650 and $750. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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John Mazerolle
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Why do some people hate soccer so much?

As the World Cup unfolds with the impressive array of Google doodles it's known for, people from all over the world are crowding around TVs in colourful clots to cheer on The Beautiful Game. But as Pantene taught us in the '80s, sometimes people hate you because you're beautiful, despite your protestations.

Soccer is wildly popular in my city (Toronto), but my Facebook feed, Internet comment boards and the occasional overheard conversation show me that people who don't like soccer feel deeply about it in a way usually reserved for heated emotional topics: abortion, euthanasia, Nickelback.

Soccer fandom isn't mandatory, but the need of many Canadians to loudly let you know how much they hate the game strikes me as over the top — the equivalent of a player who grabs his shin and plummets to the ground, face contorted, like he stumbled upon a particularly strong pocket of gravity. Check any Internet forum. You'll see people write under soccer stories about how much they hate soccer, often in dismissive, angry terms.

Reading Internet comments is like wilfully exposing yourself to radiation, but here's a real quote I dug up in about 18 seconds of research (lost some hair, but I'll be okay): "Ahhh Soccer the sport of choice for the 3rd world and poor unwashed masses."

Good point, anonymous dude, but I for one think it's nice the Dutch, Australians and Japanese have a game to distract them from the squalor of their failed nations.

Soccer is Canada's most widely played sport, so if you consider "foreign" a detriment then you'd best avoid lasagna, too. Of course, many online soccer detractors are the same people who write under every news story about how multiculturalism is a failure because 100 per cent of the people in their parents' basement are white males. Consider the source.

But it's not just the xenophobic online crazies who give soccer a rough ride. I've seen two World Cup games in public so far, and both times, one guy, apparently dragged there by friends, felt compelled to let others know mid-game that hockey is better, as if one couldn't be a fan of both sports simultaneously. Despite the low scores, soccer doesn't need to be a zero-sum game.

The complaint from hockey fans is almost always the same: Hockey players are tougher than soccer players because soccer players dive a lot and then there's a hilarious joke about a diving team. And, fine, there is too much diving. But it's just cheating that exists in all sports. It doesn't excuse it, but it's universal.

I've heard people ask why it's allowed to continue with the frequency it does — " Aren't they embarrassed?" — but many baseball fans absolve successful players of their steroid use faster than it takes Big Papi to run the bases.

Not in honour-bound hockey? Well, there's the whole cheating thing where players bruise each other's brains and occasionally crack a vertebrae or two by smashing into their heads from behind at 40 km/h. At least in soccer's cheating, nobody gets hurt, quite literally.

So whether you're a soccer fan or not, let's live and let live. It's a game the whole world loves, and that's a beautiful thing. And if anything should tear us asunder, let us unite in our hatred of Nickelback. Olé, Olé, Olé!

ZOOM

iMages of the year

Felicia Pandola, from Providence, R.I., took the nature category by storm, so to speak, with this foreboding beach pic. ALL IMAGES COURTESY IPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Photogs win bars of gold for iPhone pics

As all your brilliant selfies have no doubt already shown you, you don't need a fancy camera to take great shots. The iPhone Photography Awards, running annually since 2007, showcase the best images taken with, and edited on, an iPhone, iPod or iPad. This year's winning entries were submitted by 54 photographers from 17 countries. And they weren't just competing for the glory: Each first-place winner, aided by their trusty Apple device, received a gold bar from a private mint. Can your DSLR do that? METRO

Michael O'Neal said he pulled out both his DSLR and iPhone when he encountered this guy at Colter Bay Beach in Wyoming, but the iPhone shots trumped the "real" camera ones. He won for the animal category.

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Here a duck, there a duck, everywhere a duck duck ...

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When the calendar flipped to 2014, it's nice to think that we all silently vowed to put the "Would you rather fight one horse-sized duck or 100 duck-sized horses" question to rest forever.

Sure, it's amusing and can provide rich territory for mining clever answers. But it really only carried as many uses as a razor blade. Plus, we have new video evidence of what a duck-sized horse stampede would look like. Suddenly, the choice is easy. (OK Go/YouTube)

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SCENE 2

New musical pays rockin' tribute to Vancouver DJ Red Robinson

Music, music, mining?
There are fine festivities this weekend for all music lovers, as well as a chance to explore B.C.'s mining history

BACKSTAGE PASS
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Order up: Red Rock Diner opens at the Arts Club
If you're looking for an order of '50s nostalgia with a side of local personality, check out Red Rock Diner, which opens tonight at the Arts Club. Inspired by Red Robinson's early days at a young DJ, the play follows five teens who come of age in 1957 Vancouver while Robinson spins the biggest hits of the time. Great tunes and good times — it stars Zachary Stevenson (who played Buddy in The Buddy Holly Story), Tafari Anthony, Mat Baker, Todd Biffard, Jeff Gladstone, Anna Kuman, Neil Minor, Colin Sheen, Robyn Wallis, and Brett Ziegler. Red Rock Diner opens tonight and runs until Aug. 2 at the Granville Island Stage. Tickets start at $29. More information at artsclub.com.

Big Wreck
Big Wreck's a great live band; the Commodore's a great live venue. Put them together and you've got the recipe for a great night of live music. The band's got a new album out (Ghosts) and will roll through Vancouver on Sept. 26. Tickets $35 plus services, on sale tomorrow at 10 a.m. 19+ show.

Rule, Britannia!
This year Britannia Mine Museum celebrates 110 years since the mine first opened in 1904. Did you know that, back in the day, a group of miners would share a single candle for light? Did you know that many went deaf from the loud equipment? I learned these tidbits last week when I took the tour with my son.

Yep, it was a tough, thankless job — kind of like parenting but with way more health problems. Anyway, the mine's having an anniversary kickoff event on Canada Day that will feature plenty of family-friendly activities, like a Lego scavenger hunt, an interactive storytelling experience, the mine train, gold panning and more. Runs 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. More information at britanniaminemuseum.ca. Your kids might even thank you for bringing them.

Get jazzed
The Vancouver International Jazz Festival kicks off tomorrow and one of its most-anticipated events — the Downtown Jazz Weekend — goes down Saturday and Sunday (noon to 9 p.m. on both days) at Vancouver Art Gallery/Robson Square.

It's free, awesome and features 32 concerts over the weekend, including Bushman's Revenge, Ester Rada, The Boom Booms, and many more. Check out the huge list of artists playing this weekend and over the entire festival, which runs until July 1, at coastaljazz.ca.

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July release. Braff readies Video Games: The Movie

The Zach Braff-produced look at the rise and rise of video gaming is primed for digital release on July 15, featuring the likes of Sean Astin, Wil Wheaton, Gears of War creator Cliff Bleszinski and Atari founder Nolan Bushnell.

The project — a Kickstarter-funded feature-length documentary — explores video games' history, their future, and the diverse culture that has sprung up around them, and now has a launch trailer in advance of its July release.

Sean Astin of The Lord of the Rings narrates, and the doc's talking heads include Oculus Rift co-founder Palmer Luckey, Hideo Kojima of the Metal Gear Solid series, Wil Wheaton of Star Trek, Hollywood scriptwriter Max Landis, and actor and Q*Bert creator Warren Davis, as well as Mark Cerny, Phil Spencer, and Reggie Fils-Aime of PlayStation, Xbox and Nintendo among many others.

Releasing July 15 as a digital download, Video Games: The Movie is targeting an international audience.

The documentary arrives two years after Indie Games: The Movie, another grassroots project chronicling a selection of engaging personalities behind part of the video game industry.

The scene has become increasingly ripe for Hollywood references, too, with Wreck-It Ralph featuring a worn-out arcade game character, and upcoming comedy Pixels based on gaming tropes. AFP

The poster art for Video Games: The Movie is filled with famous characters. CONTRIBUTED

YouTube. New streaming service to exclude indie acts

There's good news and bad news for those of us who were looking forward to YouTube's rumoured arrival in the music streaming market. The good news is that the company has confirmed it's getting ready to launch a service that will compete with everyone from Spotify to Beats Music.

But the bad news is that it looks like there's going to be a sizable hole in its music catalogue: independent music.

That's because YouTube's music streaming service, expected to be called YouTube Music Pass, is going to offer a premium, subscription-based tier that will enable users to download songs and videos for offline playback, and YouTube needs to negotiate rights and terms with music labels to make this a reality.

The major labels have all put pen to paper, but indie labels are currently holding out because they feel they are being forced into agreeing to less than agreeable terms. YouTube's head of content and business operations, Robert Kyncl, confirmed the current deadlock to the Financial Times on Tuesday and also said that those labels that don't sign up will see their songs disappear from the main YouTube website "in a matter of days."

The Google-owned video site's stance is that the standoff isn't a big deal as independent record labels account for just 10 per cent of the current music industry in terms of number of artists and groups.

However, that 10 per cent accounts for almost one third (32.6 per cent) of global music sales and streams and includes artists such as Adele and bands like The Arctic Monkeys, Radiohead and of course Jack White in all of his musical incarnations, be it as the White Stripes, the Raconteurs or a solo artist. AFP

Quoted

"We have tried and will continue to try to help YouTube understand just how important independent music is ..."

WIN chief executive Alison Wenham

New York

Björk to be the subject of MoMA retrospective in spring of 2015

Björk will be getting her own multimedia retrospective at the Museum of Modern Art in New York next year.

The museum will draw on sound, film, visuals, instruments, costumes and performance to chronicle the Icelandic singer's 20-plus years as an imaginative and colourful solo artist.

A Wednesday news release says the exhibit will include Björk's collaborations with video directors, photographers and fashion designers.

It will also include a narrative that is both biographical and fictitious written by the singer and Icelandic writer Sjon Sigurdsson, and a newly commissioned music and film experience.

The Björk retrospective is being organized by Klaus Biesenbach, MoMA's chief curator at large.

It is is scheduled to run March 7 to June 7 in 2015.

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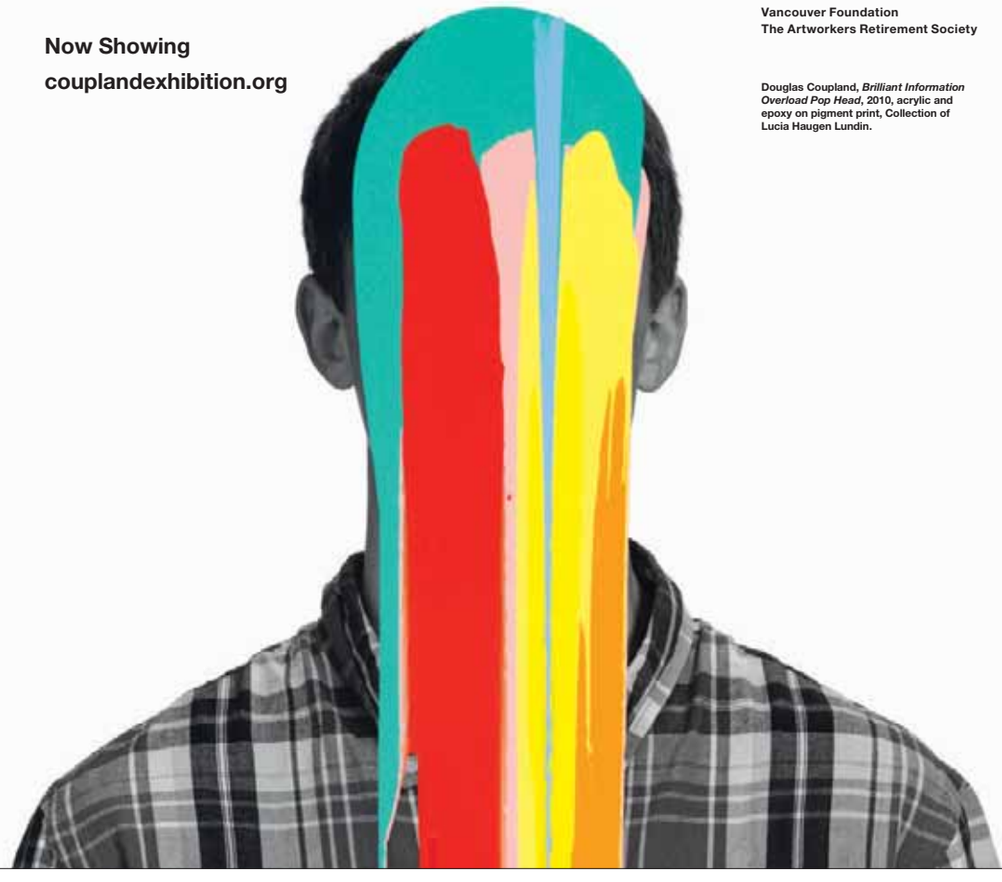

Summer read puts the heat on marriage

Through a keyhole darkly. Novel about cheater who tries to woo back wife is not your typical beach read

EMILY LAURENCE
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It all started with a note taped on the outside of a French art gallery. The note read (in French), "Mr. Architect, you were wearing an elegant hat and you wanted to buy the blue bear. Please contact me." Courtney Maum was living in Paris at the time and experiencing years of writer's block, but that one note sparked the idea for her new extremely buzz-y novel, I Am Having So Much Fun Here Without You.

The protagonist is a British artist named Richard who paints rooms as they appear through a keyhole, but he is more obsessed with pining over his ex-mistress than his art — or his wife. He starts regretting his affair about the same time his wife is done with him. "In my family history, everyone cheated on everyone else and got divorced. I found myself wondering, 'Did anyone try to work it out?'" Maum tells us.

Because the book addresses infidelity, early reviewers and readers are dissecting it, trying to pull marital lessons from these fictional characters. But that doesn't intimidate Maum. "I'm pretty flattered by that," she says. "I remember thinking that people who are married or think about marriage a lot would like this book ... It's a bumpy road. Marriage is freaking awkward. You're not psyched after eight years to get into bed with the same person," she says.

A bumpy road

"Marriage is freaking awkward. You're not psyched after eight years to get into bed with the same person."
Author Courtney Maum

Richard has many other flaws — besides the whole having a mistress part — but as a reader, you can't help but root for him. Finding the balance of creating a character who was funny, dark, flawed and likable all at the same time wasn't easy for Maum. "When I wrote the first version back in 2002, I got a lot of rejection letters," she says. "All the editors thought Richard was too unlikeable. At first I just thought they just weren't risk takers, but when I read the manuscript again 10 years later, I realized they were right." Maum says she wrote as if she was sitting there with him and his wife in the kitchen with the baby upstairs. "I wrote with my heart," she says.

Maum grew up in a conservative city in Connecticut, lived in France for five years and now splits her time between Paris, New York City and the Berkshires. Immersing herself in cultures all with vastly different views on marriage seems to have greatly influenced Maum, and her novel is stronger because of it. This book may not be the feel-good read of the summer, but it will stick with you.

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Justin Bieber ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Source claims Bieber rolled 'burrito-sized joints' in his van in 2012

Apparently Justin Bieber's hard-partying ways that have been getting him into trouble lately aren't a new development, at least not according to photos provided by a fan to Radar Online of Bieber and company turning his van into a weed- and beer-fuelled mobile party on a September 2012 trip to Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park, Calif.

"They hot-boxed and drank Heinekens from the fridge Justin keeps in the van," the anonymous source says. "There was no bong or anything, just Justin rolling his own burrito-sized joints. I mean, f—ing huge." Among the revellers was Bieber's then-girlfriend, Selena Gomez. "Everyone smoked, including Selena," the source says. "We smoked at least six joints and were high as a kite by the time we rolled into Knott's."

Katy Perry

Katy and Rob sitting in a tree, K.I.S.S.I.N.G

Robert Pattinson and Katy Perry were reportedly "all over each other after the L.A. premiere of his new film, The Rover, according to Us Weekly.

"When Rob saw Katy his eyes lit up. She looked gorgeous in a lace sequin black mini-dress, and they hugged and kissed," a source says. "At least 10 hotties were hovering around Rob, but his focus was on Katy.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

More Head-ey games from GOT star

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

Lena Headey is a monster. I don't mean that her Game of Thrones character, Cersei Lannister, is a monster, though that's true. I mean that she herself is a stone cold sociopath. She's toying with GOT fans and she doesn't even feel bad about it.

Headey appeared on Jimmy Kimmel Live wearing a shirt that says "I'm not sorry," surrounded by a heart. It's a clear reference to her Instagram head games, and she should be sorry, because she's driving people to madness.

Her Instagram has been alarming GOT fans' delicate spoiler radar for some time now. Three months ago she posted a picture of herself fooling around with her co-star Pedro Pascal, who played Oberyn Martell — specifically, a picture in which she's got her thumbs over his eye sockets. Of course, as we've since learned, Oberyn got his head crushed by the Mountain, which makes Headey's skull-mauling photo a spoiler.

Two months ago, Headey posted another seemingly spoileriffic photo: A bunch of rocks arranged into the shape of a heart, captioned "my stone heart." Fans of the books know that a character named Lady Stoneheart makes an important appearance, and they assumed that Headey had once more spoiled one of this season's major plot twists. However, the finale has come and gone, and there's no sign of Lady Stoneheart.

Melanie Griffith

Griffith proves a little cover up goes a long way in helping hide her past

If her arm is any indication, Melanie Griffith was apparently serious when she filed for divorce from husband Antonio Banderas after 17 years of marriage.

Griffith has a tattoo of a heart with the name "Antonio" in the middle just below her shoulder, but when the actress showed up at the Taormina Film Festival in Italy she applied heavy make-up to cover up the name, according to Getty Images. The heart surrounding the name was still visible, though, but with a big hole in it.

Mel Gibson giving a cold shoulder to eastern European women

Mel Gibson's bitter legal battle with ex Oksana Grigorieva has apparently soured him on Russian and Ukrainian women in general.

"He doesn't communicate with Ukrainian or Russian girls anymore. If Mel knows you're from there, he kind of just turns around and leaves," actress Natalie Burn, who plays Gibson's wife in Expendables 3, says, according to Star magazine. And that became a problem, because Burn herself was born in the Ukraine. "The producer was very nice, and he advised me not to tell him," she says, explaining that when Gibson asked if she was Brazilian she replied with, "Yeah, that works."

Mel Gibson

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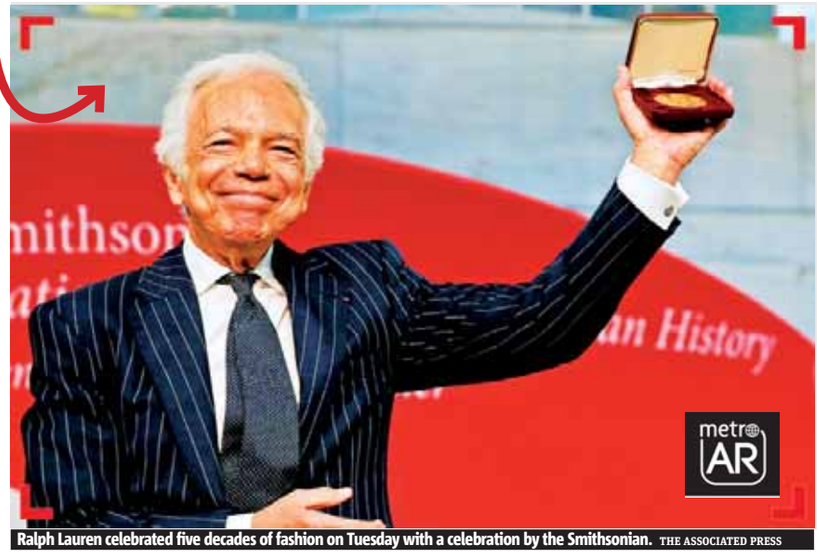
The nice guy with neckties

Ralph Lauren. As the designer is honoured by the Smithsonian for his work, he reflects on his journey to the top



Ralph Lauren celebrated five decades of fashion on Tuesday with a celebration by the Smithsonian. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

He's a designer who has gone from selling ties from a drawer at the Empire State Building in 1967 to running a corporation with 25,000 employees.

Ralph Lauren was honoured Tuesday by the Smithsonian Institution for his career and to mark the 200th anniversary of the original flag that inspired the writing of the U.S. national anthem.

Lauren was awarded the James Smithson Bicentennial Medal "for his embodiment of the American experience" and for "supporting artistry, creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship for more than five decades."

Lauren sat down with media to discuss his five decades in fashion.

What drew you into the world of fashion originally?
Luck. No, you know I never went to fashion school. I somehow was a young guy, grew up in the Bronx and ... I don't know how I can put it together, whether it's movies or it's being in a world where you can read books and go to movies and dream.

Also being the youngest child in the family and getting all hand-me-downs and sort of saying, 'Wait a minute, I want my own clothes.'

So when your parents are not able to afford the kind of clothes (I wanted) as a kid growing up, I had to work myself and earn my way and buy my own things. I just wanted to look like one of the guys and have the girls look at me.

What does this award from the Smithsonian mean to you?
It's probably the greatest honour one could have. The honour is mine to give to them because I'm part of this country.

What do you consider your career highlights?
I started with neckties, which are a very small thing and people aren't even wearing them today. Neckties helped start my career. When a man wore a tie, it had to make a statement.

I think every time I created a new brand, from men's to women's to children to home, they were interesting elements.

My clothes are not about fashion. They're about living. They're about how you live and how you want to live. And they're not about in-and-out fashion that's trendy or the hot news of the day. I think most people want stability. They want to feel that if they go out and buy something, they want good quality, good value for their money. They don't want to spend it frivolously and find that it's out of style.

How do you define your philosophy of fashion?
I can say that I'm about style, not fashion. I'm about timeless style, about quality, and that doesn't mean it has to be boring.

That means it's something that continues on because I don't throw out my clothes. The suit that I'm wearing is an old suit. I didn't just make this suit. I like the familiarity in a way because it's mine ... People say, 'I've worn your clothes for years and my child loves your clothes, my little girl loves your clothes.' I've been very connected to the people out there that buy my things and who appreciate it.

And sometimes they stop and say it, so that's very nice.

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"I started with neckties, which are a very small thing and people aren't even wearing them today. Neckties helped start my career."
Ralph Lauren

You may have a dozen little black dresses but do you have enough little white dresses? Go online to Trends Report to see how some of your favourite celebs are styling the 'LWD' on the red carpet, and brighten up your wardrobe this summer.

- **Online.** Follow Irene on Twitter at @MetroIreneK or Instagram: kuanirene; metronews.ca/voices/trends-report

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Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Name: Sarah

Age: 27

Occupation: Graphic Designer & Yoga Instructor

What she's wearing:
Hat from Frock, jean dress from Mendocino, Grey dress from Local Designer Sara Duke 'I made this for you,' necklace from Purr Clothing in Calgary, sandals from Call it Spring and Bookhou purse.

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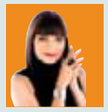

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Dress up your barley burger

"Fire up the grill!" write Pat Inglis and Linda Whitworth in their book Go Barley. "These vegetarian barley burgers are simple and easy to make. Serve in buns and top with salsa or wasabi stirred into mayonnaise, as well as lettuce, sliced tomatoes, and onions. You can also add a slice of cheese while browning the second side."

This recipe serves six. THE ALBERTA BARLEY COMMISSION (GOBARLEY.COM)

Ingredients

- 1 cup (250 ml) pearl barley
- 3 cups (750 ml) water
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) canola oil, divided
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove, finely chopped
- 1 small carrot, finely chopped
- 1/2 lb (250 g) mushrooms, chopped
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) chopped parsley
- 1 tsp (5 ml) grated lemon rind
- 1 tsp (5 ml) salt
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) pepper
- 2 cups (500 ml) fresh bread crumbs, divided

1. In a medium saucepan over high heat, combine barley and water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and cover pan; simmer for 45 to 50 minutes or until barley is tender. If necessary, drain any excess water. Spread in a shallow dish to cool.

2. In a large skillet over medium-high, heat half of the oil. Add onion, garlic, and carrot; stir and cook for 3 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Add mushrooms and cook until any liquid evaporates. Add parsley, lemon rind, salt, and pepper. Combine mixture with barley. Stir in 1/2 cup (125 ml) of the bread crumbs. Place in a food processor and process until mixture holds together but you can still see some of the barley.

3. On a plastic-wrap-lined tray or baking sheet, spoon mixture into 6 portions; shape into patties and coat with remaining bread crumbs.

4. In a large skillet over medium-high, heat the remaining oil and cook burgers 5 minutes per side or until browned and crisp. Alternately, heat the barbecue to medium-high and generously spray the grill with oil. Barbecue for 5 minutes per side.

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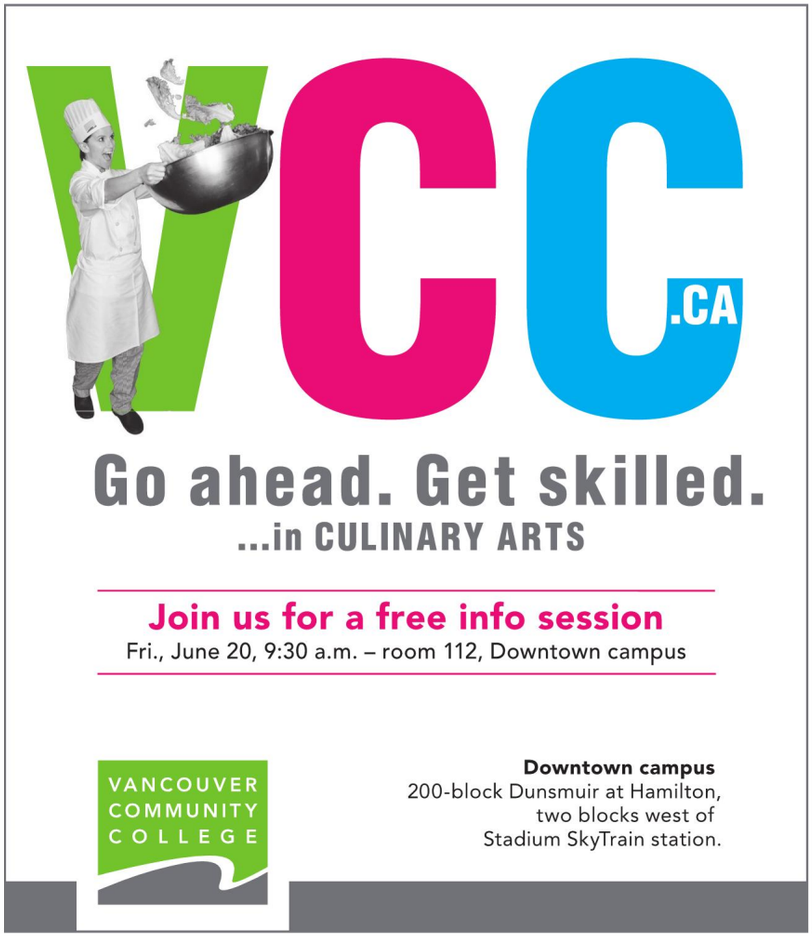

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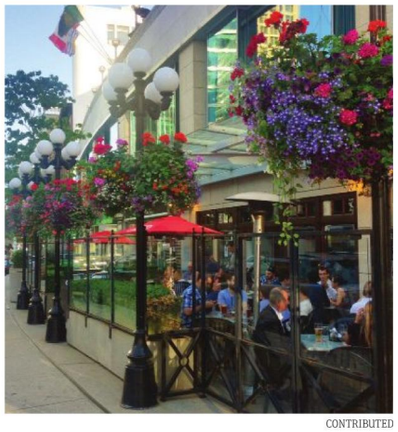
World Cup central in downtown Vancouver

Coal Harbour's Lions Pub is the perfect spot to catch soccer fever



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"What makes Coal Harbour's Lions Pub such a favourite with our patrons is that we're a traditional neighbourhood pub right in downtown Vancouver, a great place for everyone, with delicious pub food and cutting-edge craft beers," says manager Doug Whidden.

The Lions Pub has been around 15 years and is the only section of the Terminal City Club that's open to the public.

Choice menu items that are popular with patrons include traditional dishes like cottage pie, bangers and mash and pie of the day.

"They're hearty, home-cooked meals that really hit home with our patrons," says Whidden. There are also 27 beer taps with fresh brews, serving everything from B.C. craft brews to British favourites like Innis & Gunn and London Pride.

With FIFA World Cup soccer now in full swing, it's also a popular meeting place for soccer fans. "We're showing all games live with sound, so it's really just like you're there!" says Whidden.

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Hello, sailor!

Bold as brass

Trendsetting brass is back and looks ship-regal when paired with bright white and navy blue. Hang from tree branches or use to create a nautical table centrepiece. Outdoor brass candle lanterns from $129, Homesense.ca

Pillow talk

A vintage nautical-inspired print for dreaming sailors. Sea Anchor Pillowcase, $20, Simons.ca

Drop anchor

Welcome your sailor home by anchoring the front door with a hearty, foot-swiping mat. Anchor Floor Mat, $29, WestElm.com

In the navy

Bright white porcelain banded with navy creates a classic summer table setting. Roulette Blue Band Dinnerware, 16 pieces, $175. CrateAndBarrel.com

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The A, B of seas

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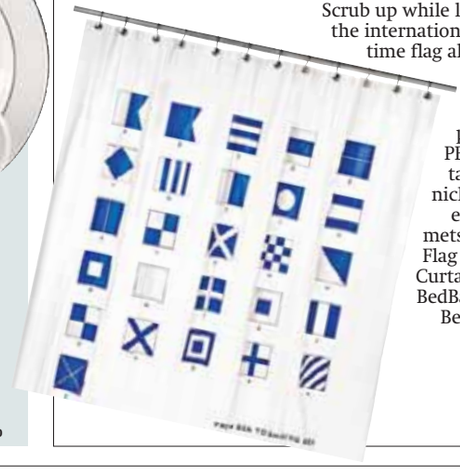

Studio space. Responsive furniture for micro living

Connected home devices are still at an immature stage, according to a recent report. LOLOSTOCK/SHUTTERSTOCK.COM

Studio living is becoming increasingly common in urban areas, but how do you make 200 feet feel three times the size?

That was the question set by the MIT Media Lab when designing CityHome, a conceptual furniture unit that maximizes space and can be controlled with simple hand gestures.

Using built-in sensors, the unit can roll out a bed, a desk, a dining table and chairs for six people, and an extendable kitchen countertop. The entire unit can also be moved to alter the space on either side of it.

Led by the Changing Places Research Group, the team has also integrated lighting systems controlled by apps into the piece, with customizable colour themes. Voice-recognition control technology has also been incorporated into the lighting design.

Although it remains primarily a research project for the moment, rumour has it that designer Kent Larson is looking into making it a viable commercial product, so watch this (deceptively adaptable) space. AFP

Home accessories

Could this be the robotic furniture of the future?

Modular furniture made with robotic components that can reshape itself according to users' desires could be a major home accessory of the future. Scientists at Switzerland's Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) have come up with Roombots, an adaptive mechanical furniture concept.

The pieces can move and change functionality endlessly. For example, stools that move around could meet other stools and form a bench, which could then become a table.

The modules change shape and move by rotating against one another, and gripping together or to flat surfaces via connectors.

"We hope that the Roombots module will be used for many applications, but one of the main ones we have in mind is assistive technology," says Auke Ljspeert of the school's Biorobotics Laboratory. AFP

Mosaics say it with tiles or stones

DIY. Cast the first stone for great home decor that's easy to create and fits in almost anywhere

Creating a stone or tile mosaic is the perfect starting point for adding stonework to your home, without splurging on an antique statue. The no-creative-limits project is easy to assemble, and can be placed in just about any space.

Getting started

Head to the hardware store to pick out the stones or tiles for the design. If you have a colour scheme or pattern in mind, considering sketching it first to get a better idea of what supplies you'll need. Be sure that the materials are weather-resistant if the artwork is going to be placed outside. Next, pick out a sturdy base for the stones or tiles (a wooden or stone frame is usually best). To put everything together, you'll need a strong adhesive and concrete or tile grout.

Assembly

Carefully break the stones or tiles into segments, or cut them using a stone cutter for a more uniform look. Place all the pieces into the desired arrangement, and glue them down with the adhesive. Blend the tile grout or cement, and follow the accompanying instructions to ensure that it's the correct consistency (liquid, but not runny). Pour the liquid over into the tiles so that it fills the crevices between the pieces. Before it dries, use a soft, wet cloth to wipe off the excess cement and let the product dry.

More ideas

Countless different and dynamic mosaic ideas can be found online. If you're looking to complement a garden, consider looking at vibrant flower-shaped tiles and exotic emerald-coloured stones. To enhance your bathroom with a relaxing beach theme, check out some sandy or aquamarine tiles, or think about adding some seashells to the design. Just remember, the possibilities are endless.

Stone Age ideas

For more stone decor ideas, tune into the brand new series Stone Age airing Tuesdays at 9 p.m. ET/PT on DIY Network Canada.

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Look out, old-school laminate and tile — and even current fave countertop materials, granite and quartz. Along with wood and recycled glass, concrete is growing in popularity. Skilled DIY-types can make simpler versions of custom-made alternatives. Here's what's happening in countertops now

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Stay on top of counter culture

Concrete is being used to create artisanal countertops. ALL PHOTOS MATTHEW MILLMAN/CHENG CONCRETE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The concrete countertops in Eleanor Zuckerman's San Francisco kitchen are handcrafted works of art.

Custom-designed by Fu-Tun Cheng of the Berkeley, Calif.-based Cheng Concrete, they feature colours like brick, flowing lines and pictures of nautilus shells.

"With concrete there is a lot of room for creativity, to say nothing of colour," says Zuckerman, a retired psychologist. "It gives you flexibility."

Homeowners looking to spice up their kitchens can install a variety of countertops that go beyond the traditional laminate and tile. Today's options include concrete and butcher-block-style wood, and a range of custom-designed colours and shapes. IceStone countertops use recycled glass from broken bottles.

"So many different materials are used in countertops these days," says Tony Izzo, Curtis Lumber's corporate kitchen and bath manager in Albany, N.Y. Until about 25 years ago, he says, roughly 90 per cent of countertops in U.S. homes were laminate, and the rest tile.

Do it yourself

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Cost to install DIY concrete countertops.

Then DuPont's Corian hit the market, followed by granite and quartz, which are current favourites, he says. Today, just half of countertops are laminate, Izzo says.

The burgeoning interest in alternative countertops is the natural extension of that trend. And they are becoming more affordable.

"Slowly, over the years, the market has really grown," says Mike Heidebrink, president of Cheng Concrete. When the company opened in 2002, it catered mostly to well-heeled dot-commers willing to spend more to bring an artisan's touch to their kitchens.

Today, Heidebrink says, Cheng also serves a growing number of skilled do-it-yourselfers who want to shape, mould and install countertops themselves. They can choose the colour and lines of their countertops, he says. Once installed and sealed, he says, concrete countertops are as durable as limestone and marble.

"They can have that for $10 a square foot," he says.

Nils Wessell in Brooklyn, New York, says the do-it-yourself movement is also fuelling his businesses, in a different way.

"This DIY interest in cooking leads to people wanting a suitable surface to chop up meat on," says Wessell. His company, Brooklyn Butcher Blocks, makes wooden countertops with enough thickness and durability to be used as cutting boards. Clients include barbeque restaurants as well as home cooks.

While Wessell says his handmade countertops are more expensive than factory-made ones, he can make "a sizeable countertop for about a grand," he says.

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Custom-designed concrete countertops can feature colours like brick, flowing lines and pictures of nautilus shells.

Of course, no countertop is perfect

- **Concrete can stain, so it must be sealed properly.**
- **Wooden countertops take a beating from knives, although Wessell says they can be easily maintained with semi-regular sanding.**
- **Soapstone, popular for its natural look, has its quirks as well, Izzo says: It weathers over time.** "Consumers generally have to accept that idea and know that they want a living finish like that," he says.
- **Granite countertops can release trace amounts of the radioactive gas radon.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says most granite countertops are safe, adding little to a house's radon level. It depends on the rock that is used, the agency says, recommending that homeowners concerned about radon get their countertops tested.

Concrete provides a lot of room for creativity, colour and flexibility.

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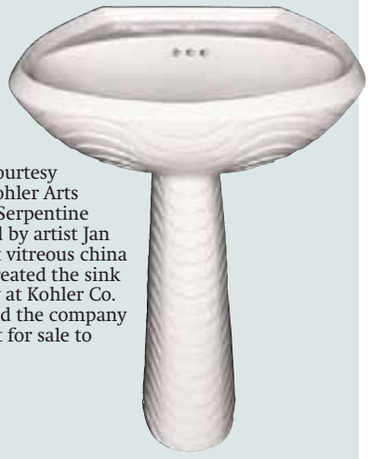

This 1981 photo courtesy of John Michael Kohler Arts Center shows the Serpentine sink, 1981, created by artist Jan Axel from slip-cast vitreous china with glaze. Axel created the sink during a residency at Kohler Co. in Kohler, Wis., and the company later reproduced it for sale to customers.

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Her cups runneth over

This undated photograph provided by artist Molly Hatch shows cups she created for a solo exhibition at the Clay Studio Philadelphia in June of 2010.

Portrait-perfect peonies

This undated photo shows the Peony Portrait collection designed by Molly Hatch for sale at Anthropologie stores.

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Kohler celebrates 40 years of turning factory into art studio

Sharing ideas. Arts/Industry program founded in 1974 encourages factory workers and artists to collaborate on design

The Kohler sink in your bathroom may be more of a work of art than you realize.

The company known for kitchen and bathroom fixtures has opened its factory floor to artists for the past 40 years, allowing them to share ideas and techniques with factory workers so that both can be inspired.

Three artists have created pieces produced by Kohler Co., and many more have gone on to design for other companies.

The program, celebrating its 40th anniversary, is notable for its longevity and impact on the arts world, said Larry Bush, a ceramics professor at the Rhode Island School of Design. Kohler is unique in letting artists work on the factory floor with employees and providing equipment to create work on a massive scale, he said.

"The sort of thing that people can do at the Kohler factory has inspired a lot of work beyond the Kohler factory," Bush said.

Ruth DeYoung Kohler — a printmaker, former teacher and granddaughter of Kohler Co. founder John Michael Kohler — created the Arts/Industry program at the John Michael Kohler Arts Center soon after taking over as director in 1972. Artists who visited Kohler during a clay exhibition were hungry for access to the factory's moulds and other resources, and eager to learn the techniques used by craftsmen working there, she said. There was little interaction between the worlds of fine art and manufacturing at the time.

Kohler convinced her brother, Kohler Co. Chairman and CEO Herb Kohler Jr., to let two artists work at the factory for a month.

"They created all these fanciful things with the plumbing products," she recalled. "So, for example, they took a urinal, turned it on its back, added some clay wheels and filled it full of clay teeth and called it the Tooth Fairy Wagon. And then they took two toilets and put them back to back ... and they turned it into a rocket ship."

The project so captivated Kohler workers that the artists were invited back for another month in late 1974. Since then, more than 400 artists have completed residencies lasting up to six months. A retrospective of their work is on display through Aug. 31 at the John Michael Kohler Arts Center in Sheboygan, about an hour north of Milwaukee.

Artist Molly Hatch in 2009 with chinoiserie vases made during her residency at the Kohler Co. in Wisconsin. Hatch says the residency helped her launch a second career as a product designer. INDUSTRY ARTIST ARCHIVE/JOHN MICHAEL KOHLER ARTS CENTER ARTS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jan Axel, who completed two residencies at Kohler in 1979 and 1981, created a sink carved with undulating lines, and the company later produced it commercially. Axel went on to create a program that brought artists to Kohler to embellish plumbing fixtures for sale. Such collaboration was radical at the time.

"It was sort of 'not done' because people wanted to be considered artists. They didn't want to be designers," said Axel, of South Salem, N.Y., who went on to do product and landscape design.

Molly Hatch, a ceramics artist from Northampton, Mass., said her 2009 residency gave her a new career designing tableware for Anthropologie, and stationery and fabrics for other companies. Hatch said that learning to use liquid clay and moulds at Kohler allowed her to create pieces with a consistency she couldn't achieve by hand.

At the same time, she was struck by the amount of handcrafting done at Kohler, and she now creates products that combine mass production and a personal touch.

"Being exposed to the way things were made on the floor at the factory at Kohler, I realized there's so much more involved, and a person behind the object, and so much more pride taken in every object," Hatch said, adding, "It just changed my understanding of the process completely."

Kohler said the factory workers teaching the artists to use moulds and other equipment also have been changed by the experience.

"They understand that their skills are enormous," she said, "and their skills are valued by the artists and the company." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Turn no man's land of a 'hellstrip' into a curbside Garden of Eden

On the boulevard. Awkward parcels of land lining the street benefit from makeover

Making a yard and a community more beautiful begins at the curb. But that narrow space between sidewalk and street — sometimes called a boulevard, median, hellstrip, parkway, verge or tree belt — is a gardening challenge.

For starters, it's probably owned by the municipality but falls to the homeowner to maintain. So the first step in caring for it is to sort out what local rules allow.

"You need to go to the city's website if there are any questions about who owns what," said Evelyn Hadden, author of the new book Hellstrip Gardening (Timber Press). "The zoning laws should be posted online."

"Some cities have regulations where there can only be lawns there. Some say there can't be vegetables, but allow some kind of lawn alternative," she said. "Some communities change their rules when people start growing gardens and the community gets behind them."

Curb appeal can increase property values for the whole neighbourhood, Hadden said. "Curbside gardeners are pretty generous that way. They're working for the benefit of everybody."

Even seedy-looking parcels can become natural welcome mats when integrated with front yards. Curbside spaces are often heavily trafficked, however, making them tough to cultivate. The ground is hard-packed, and plants can be crushed. Rocks might add character to the landscape but will dent car doors if placed too near the curb. Tall, dense foliage can be a traffic hazard, preventing passing motorists from seeing pets and children.

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A pedestrian-friendly street makeover in Langley, Wash., includes a number of hellstrip gardens: flowers, trees and shrubs planted between sidewalk and street. Frequent watering is often difficult at these curbside plots. Langley gardeners are using slow-release water bags at the base of the newly planted trees until their roots can become established. The bags only need to be refilled once or twice a week. DEAN FOSDICK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

How to create a roadside attraction

Here are some tips for creating a well-tended "hellstrip:"

- **Talk with neighbours before getting started.** "The tension will come when somebody complains," Hadden said.
- **Be aware of sight lines, especially at intersections.** Drivers may have trouble turning safely if something tall is in the way.
- **Go with perennials rather than annuals, said Fred Rozumalski, a landscape architect with Barr Engineering Co.** in Minneapolis, Minn. "Then the soil is only worked once and it's more secure," he said. "Dirt won't run into the street, clogging gutters and storm sewers."
- **Avoid growing vegetables at roadside sites because of pollution, Rozumalski said.** "They collect elevated levels of road salt, lead from gasoline and copper from brake linings. I certainly wouldn't want to eat any food that came off a boulevard."
- **Tree planting is the city's job, he said.** "I've seen people make bad choices, planting trees like sugar maples that are difficult to maintain and push up sidewalks. Shrubs should be kept low, no more than 18 inches in height."
- **Be cautious about displaying yard art, Rozumalski said.** "You don't want to distract drivers. It's probably better if you put those kinds of things deeper into the yard."
- **Boulevards typically are too narrow to be turned into full-blown rain gardens, but they'll be more environmentally friendly if the soil level is kept at least two inches below the curb, he said.** "Then the water will collect instead of running off."

You can sometimes fight city hall when it comes to municipal 'lawn only' regulations

"Some communities change their rules when people start growing gardens and the community gets behind them."

Evelyn Hadden, author of the new book Hellstrip Gardening

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Soccer

Germany boots penalty to beat Canada in friendly

Simone Laudehr scored from the penalty spot in the 66th minute Wednesday as Germany defeated Canada 2-1 in a women's international friendly.

Lena Lotzen had the other goal for Germany, while Sophie Schmidt replied for Canada.

With the score tied 1-1 in the second half, Lotzen was brought down by 18-year-old Canadian defender Kadeisha Buchanan in the penalty area. Laudehr stepped up and blasted a shot into the roof of the net past goalkeeper Erin McLeod.

The winner came after Schmidt woke up a sleepy crowd of 15,618 at BC Place Stadium in the 53rd minute with a bizarre game-tying goal.

The Canadian midfielder completely scuffed her shot after taking a pass in the box from Diana Matheson, but the ball scooped up and over German goalkeeper Nadine Angerer for an unlikely equalizer.

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Baseball

Dodgers' Kershaw throws no-hitter

Clayton Kershaw pitched his first no-hitter Wednesday night, striking out a career-high 15 and allowing his only baserunner on a throwing error by shortstop Hanley Ramirez in the Los Angeles Dodgers' 8-0 victory over the Colorado Rockies.

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Canadians look into expanding ballpark

Nat Bailey Stadium.
Demand for tickets back again as C's play home opener before sold-out crowd

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When it comes to packing historic Nat Bailey Stadium, the Vancouver Canadians have picked up right where they left off last year.

The Canadians played their home opener before an announced sold-out crowd on a pleasant Wednesday evening, but that wasn't at all a surprise. The club announced a sellout on June 6, one full week before the actual start of the season, which for Vancouver came on the road against Salem-Keizer.

Last year, the single-A affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays recorded 23 capacity crowds of just over 5,100 fans in 38 home dates, with a total of 184,042 fans walking through the gates when it was over.

A greater demand for tickets means the Canadians are looking into expanding seating, and an announcement on that could come later this summer.

"Our goal — and I've always said it and people have looked at me funny when I first got here — I said is to sell out 38 dates. That's the goal," said Canadians president Andy Dunn, prior to first pitch against Spokane.

"I think we put on a very entertaining show, it's affordable and it's very family-orientated and that's what we're all about."

Vancouver Canadians outfielder Brenden Kalfus prior to Wednesday's home opener at Nat Bailey Stadium. CAM TUCKER/METRO

Quoted

"We're in a building that has as much affinity, locally, as Wrigley Field does in Chicago or Fenway Park does in Boston." Canadians president Andy Dunn on the Nat Bailey Stadium

The popularity of the minor-league baseball franchise has grown by leaps and bounds over the last few years.

Nat Bailey Stadium, already one of the true jewels in the city, has undergone refurbishments, both inside the concourse and outside.

Nestled across the street from Queen Elizabeth Park, the green grass hillside and tall trees provide a beautiful backdrop on a warm summer night, with smoke from the barbecue and that familiar scent of meat on the grill tantalizing the senses.

And the team itself has excelled.

Three straight Northwest League championships, that number capped off with the final win coming on home turf.

"We're in a good-sized community that has great baseball history," said Dunn. "We're in a building that has as much affinity, locally, as Wrigley Field does in Chicago or Fenway Park does in Boston.

"Everyone has a story about coming to this great old ballpark."

More online

For more coverage of the Vancouver Canadians, go to metronews.ca.

Spain's soccer reign over

Defending champion Spain, the dominant global football power for the past six years, was eliminated from World Cup contention Wednesday with a 2-0 loss to Chile.

Spain's famed passing game failed against a high-tempo, tenacious Chile team, its era ending in the storied Maracana Stadium filled mostly with noisy Chilean supporters.

Eduardo Vargas tricked goalkeeper Iker Casillas into diving the wrong way, then shot into an unguarded goal in the 20th minute. Charles Aranguiz scored in the 43rd when the ball landed at his feet after Casillas punched out a free kick.

"I only ask fans for forgiveness, we did everything we could," said Casillas, who lifted the World Cup trophy four years ago.

Spain's second loss, after a 5-1 rout by the Netherlands, ended any hope of advancing. Chile and the Netherlands will both make it to the knockout stage out of Group B, regardless of who wins the game between them.

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Dutch edge Socceroos

Memphis Depay scored a late clincher as Netherlands withstood Australia's unsettling challenge in a 3-2 comeback win Wednesday.

- Arjen Robben and Robin Van Persie, who each scored twice in an earlier win over Spain, added to their tallies before and after Australia's goals. Substitute Depay scored the winner in the 68th minute.

Sergio Busquets of Spain reacts after a missed scoring chance against Chile on Wednesday in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Scan the image with the Metro News app for more photos from Day 7 of the World Cup. JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY IMAGES

Too much to bare: Cameroon comes unglued vs. Croatia

World Cup. Bilic Boys brush off nude photo scandal to catch Cameroonians with their pants down on pitch

Mario Mandzukic scored two goals Wednesday to keep Croatia in the mix at the World Cup with a 4-0 win over 10-man Cameroon, which will be going home after the group stage.

Mandzukic, who returned to the team after sitting out the opening loss to Brazil because of a suspension, headed in a corner from Danijel Pranjic in the 61st minute and then knocked in a rebound in the 73rd of the Group A game.

Ivan Perisic also scored a goal and created another for Ivica Olic.

Ivan Perisic jumps on Mario Mandzukic after Mandzukic scored Croatia's fourth goal on Wednesday in Manaus, Brazil. GETTY IMAGES

Cameroon was reduced to 10 men after midfielder Alex Song was given a red card for elbowing Mandzukic in the back in the 40th minute.

Croatia stayed focused after paparazzi photos showing some players bathing naked were published by Croatian media over the weekend.

Cameroon can only play spoiler in its final match against Brazil Monday. If the 1990 World Cup quarter-finalists beat Brazil, the host country could still advance or be forced out of the tournament on goal difference. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Group A

Croatia	Cameroon
4	0

Croatia holds its future in its own hands. If the 1998 World Cup semifinalists beat Mexico on Monday, they will guarantee themselves a spot in the second round. The Mexicans will advance with a win or a draw.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Everyone thinks you're a star so why are you being so negative about your prospects? Step outside yourself today and see how you look through other people's eyes.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
There is no point cursing fate if what happens today is not to your liking. In the long-term everything will come good, so never doubt that no matter what happens, you will be stronger for it.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You pride yourself on being rational but with Mercury, your ruler, moving retrograde not every thought you have will be based on reason. Don't be too stubborn. There are times when it's OK to change your mind.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
An offer will tempt you but can you be sure it is genuine? According to the planets you have reason to be suspicious, so take care when dealing with people who promise you the world for a small investment.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
People will be moody today, which in turn will annoy you. Before the situation spirals out of control remind yourself that in the greater scheme of things it's of little importance.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
A relationship will come under pressure today and if you say the wrong thing it may even end. Tomorrow you will regret having been so outspoken but it needed to happen.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You are at a crossroads as far as a creative project is concerned. Do you carry on with it or do give up and focus your energy in a new direction? Give it some serious thought.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Make sure you get your chores out of the way as quickly as possible over the next 24 hours. If you let what should have been done today wait until tomorrow you will fall behind and may never catch up.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
It is vital that you deal with an outstanding feud immediately because if you allow it to linger it will hold you back and that could be disastrous.

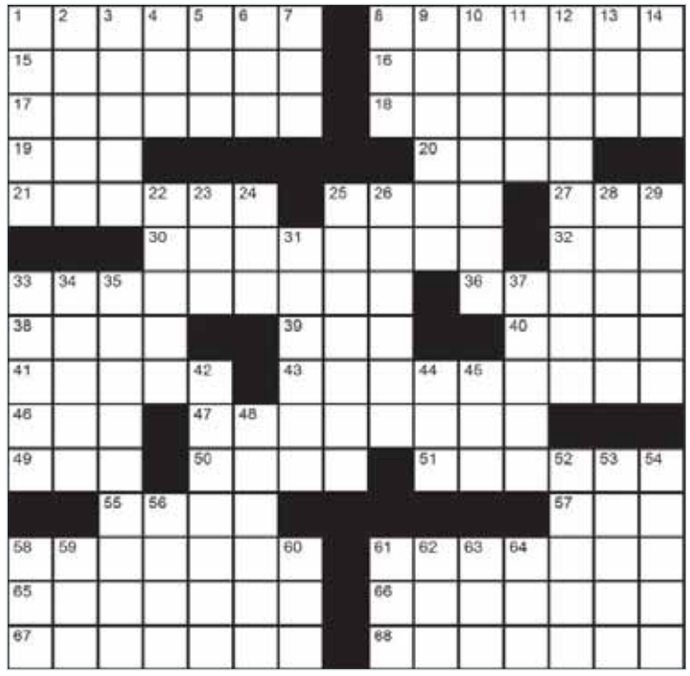
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If you aren't in the mood to work today, don't push yourself. Even if you force yourself to do what is expected of you it's unlikely you'll do a good job of it, so wait until you are in a more positive frame of mind.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
What are you waiting for? Something is holding you back from taking risks and that's a shame because the planets suggest that if you take a chance today it could pay off in a big way. Do you dare?

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You are worrying about things you have no way of changing. According to the planets what you fear the most is the one thing that is least likely to happen, so be brave and go on the attack. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Halifax pita specialties
8. Oscar Peterson tune about a Montreal locale: "Place __. __"
15. Seasoning sort
16. Sunglasses and spectacles
17. Lake Ontario archipelago-by-the-city, Toronto __
18. Stretches out
19. First word in Inferno by Dante
20. Long times
21. John Travolta movie
25. Prefix to 'dextrous'
27. Got the parcel, briefly
30. "Elvira: __ of the Dark" (1988)
32. Have a bug
33. Ron Sexsmith song about his St. Catharines, ON hometown: "__ Street"; or, Pen name J.K. Rowling uses for her new crime novel The Silkworm, Robert __
36. Nero's 1406
38. Actor Mr. Jannings
39. Hr. part
40. Geese: French
41. Juliet's beloved
43. "Chopped Canada" host Dean
46. Regret
47. Roof window
49. 12 mo. periods
50. Foundation
51. Sisters: French
55. Norse thunder god
57. Egg mass
58. Taken aback
61. Kirkland Lake, ON: __ & South Mine Complex
65. Ms. Judd
66. Strange
67. Most profound
68. Claude __ (French composer, b.1862 - d.1918)

Down
1. Faring
2. Canadian figure skating great Brian
3. Portia's "Ally McBeal" character
4. Turkish title [var. sp.]
5. Sir McKellen
6. Boxing bout div.
7. Rihanna's "_._._. (Rescue Me)"
8. Ms. Hinton's
9. Easygoing people, e.g.: 2 wds.
10. Valour
11. Mr. McGregor
12. '90s broadcasting-themed sitcom starring Canadian comedians Dave Foley and Phil Hartman
13. Early-'60s singer Mr. Donner
14. American tax org.
22. Mosey along
23. Knight's title
24. Conductor, __-Pekka Salonen
25. The = Definite __
26. Henna-on-hands artwork
28. Spotted cat-like mammal
29. "Kathy Griffin: My Life on the _-__"
31. Mr. Horton's donut chain, endearingly
33. Canadian comedian Mr. Dee
34. Love: French
35. Sedimentary rock kind
37. Le __ de Monte-Cristo
42. Bob Einstein's alter ego, Super Dave ___
44. For instances, for short
45. Greek alphabet's 17th letter
48. Actress Ms. Allen's
52. Bear, fancy-style
53. Civil Rights activist Ms. Parks, and namesakes
54. Mattress manufacturer
56. Basketball net
58. E-Mail subj. line directive
59. Caustic
60. Info, briefly
61. Spa mask ingredient
62 'Meth' suffix
63. Lion's offspring
64. Pac-12 sch.

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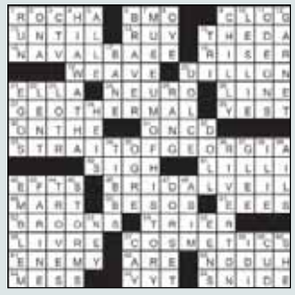

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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			7	2				6
4					1			7
		5	6		9		2	
	3			8			1	
	2		3		7	9		
1			4					5
5				9	8			
		6				4	9	

Yesterday's Sudoku

7	5	3	9	4	2	1	6	8
6	1	2	8	5	7	3	9	4
8	9	4	1	3	6	2	7	5
5	4	1	3	6	8	9	2	7
2	6	9	7	1	5	4	8	3
3	7	8	4	2	9	5	1	6
4	8	6	2	9	3	7	5	1
9	3	7	5	8	1	6	4	2
1	2	5	6	7	4	8	3	9

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17°/10°
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